

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A valve assembly comprising:
a valve housing for receiving a mixing valve;
a mixing valve received within said valve housing;
an escutcheon to be positioned axially outwardly of said valve housing to define an outer surface of said valve assembly; and
an escutcheon adapter secured to said escutcheon, said escutcheon adapter adjustable inwardly and outwardly relative to said housing to pull said escutcheon with said escutcheon adapter and allow adjustment and provide securement of said escutcheon, said escutcheon adapter being adjustable on structure that will be spaced towards an opposed side of a wall that will receive the valve assembly from a side of the wall against which the escutcheon will abut.
2. (Original) A valve assembly as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said escutcheon adapter is threadably received on a fixed member such that it may be adjusted to pull said escutcheon to an adjusted position.
3. (Original) A valve assembly as set forth in Claim 2, wherein a threaded connection is provided between a threaded surface on said valve housing and a threaded surface on said escutcheon adapter.
4. (Original) A valve assembly as set forth in Claim 3, wherein said valve housing has an outer threaded surface and said escutcheon adapter has an inner peripheral threaded surface.
5. (Currently Amended) A valve assembly as set forth in claim 3, wherein comprising:
a valve housing for receiving a mixing valve;
a mixing valve received within said valve housing;
an escutcheon to be positioned axially outwardly of said valve housing to define an outer surface of said valve assembly;

an escutcheon adapter secured to said escutcheon, said escutcheon adapter adjustable inwardly and outwardly relative to said housing to pull said escutcheon with said escutcheon adapter and allow adjustment and provide securement of said escutcheon, said escutcheon adapter is threadably received on a fixed member such that it may be adjusted to pull said escutcheon to an adjusted position;

a threaded connection provided between a threaded surface on said valve housing and a threaded surface on said escutcheon adapter, said valve housing has an outer threaded surface and said escutcheon adapter has an inner peripheral threaded surface; and

a trim sleeve ~~is~~ inserted into an inner peripheral surface on said escutcheon adapter, and operable to turn said escutcheon adapter to provide said adjustment on said threads.

6. (Original) A valve assembly as set forth in Claim 5, wherein said trim sleeve has a slot and tab interconnection with said escutcheon adapter.

7. (Original) A valve assembly as set forth in Claim 6, wherein said trim sleeve has said slot and said escutcheon adapter has said tab.

8. (Currently Amended) A valve assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein comprising:
a valve housing for receiving a mixing valve;
a mixing valve received within said valve housing;
an escutcheon to be positioned axially outwardly of said valve housing to define an outer surface of said valve assembly; and

an escutcheon adapter secured to said escutcheon, said escutcheon adapter adjustable inwardly and outwardly relative to said housing to pull said escutcheon with said escutcheon adapter and allow adjustment and provide securement of said escutcheon, said escutcheon adapter ~~has~~ has a tab which snaps into a groove in said escutcheon adapter.

9. (Original) A valve assembly comprising:
a valve housing for receiving a mixing valve;
a mixing valve received within said valve housing;
an escutcheon to be positioned axially outwardly of said valve housing to define an outer surface of said valve assembly;
an escutcheon adapter secured to said escutcheon, said escutcheon adapter adjustable inwardly and outwardly relative to said housing to pull said escutcheon with said escutcheon adapter and allow adjustment and provide securement of said escutcheon; and
said escutcheon adapter having a threaded inner peripheral surface, and said valve housing having a cylindrical boss with an outer threaded surface, said escutcheon adapter inner peripheral threaded surface being threadably received on said valve housing outer threaded surface, a trim sleeve surrounding said mixing valve and extending into said inner peripheral surface of said escutcheon adapter, and having a portion extending axially outwardly beyond said escutcheon, said trim sleeve having a slot and tab interconnection with said escutcheon adapter such that said trim sleeve can be turned to turn said escutcheon adapter and provide adjustment for said escutcheon.
10. (Original) A valve assembly as set forth in Claim 9, wherein said trim sleeve has said slot and said escutcheon adapter has said tab.
11. (Currently Amended) A valve assembly as set forth in Claim 9, wherein said escutcheon ~~adapter~~ has a tab which snaps into a groove in said escutcheon adapter.
12. (Currently Amended) A method of assembling a mixing valve assembly comprising the steps of:
(1) providing a valve housing, an escutcheon and an escutcheon adapter;
(2) mounting said valve housing within a wall, and securing said escutcheon to move with said escutcheon adapter; and
(3) moving said escutcheon adapter inwardly of said wall and relative to said housing to in turn pull said escutcheon against an outer wall surface as said

escutcheon adapter moves beyond an inner wall surface, and secure said escutcheon against an outer surface of the wall.

13. (Original) A method as set forth in Claim 12, wherein a trim sleeve surrounds a valve mounted within said valve housing, said trim sleeve having an interconnection with said escutcheon adapter and said trim sleeve extending axially outwardly beyond said escutcheon such that said trim sleeve is accessible to be turned to turn said escutcheon adapter and provide said movement of said step (3).